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Dear Bill,

We've heard from your daughter Kim. She is pleasant and has fine handwriting. My do I envy that! Neat, regular and so legible!

As you can see, despite what is wrong with it I'm sticking with this machine and have the one you were kind enough to get me as a backstop, something I'd not been able to find for many years. I feel so much better knowing I have what I can use and I believe that in time my speed with it would increase. But at this stage of my life what means more to me than anything else is getting on paper what I ~~can~~ can and as fast as I can. I cannot figure on tomorrows.

So, instead of looking for ribbons for it, if your friend is a good source on ribbons, will you please ask him if for this Hermes ~~3~~ 3000 there is a better one that Nu-Kote B76? I can and do get them locally but they are overinked and with my keys sticking as much as they do for a long time after I put a fresh ribbon on my fingers are a mess from ink that does not wash off.

The Nu-Kote ribbon I'm using now was not intended for this machine. It was sent me by a friend. But although a tight fit the spools did get on the spindels. And it is half red, which is a liability for me. First time I'm near the store I'll have to get another B76. I do not know why they are now overinking them but it may be for longer shelf life, sale for typewriters having slacked off that much.

We'll be glad to see the pictures but do not bother with the expense of duplicating the movies. We do not sit still long~~er~~ enough before the TV. Mostly only for news with me and with Lil, when she is abed. But I think I'll knock off in time to take in the Redskins game to day. I've been to Dallas and know what you've seen and with tax ~~s~~ season coming on and all else she has to do Lil probably would not feel comfortable taking the time to ask me questions about what she'd see. And we are both having more trouble moving around.

Feel free to copy anything you want from any of my books. Remember, I suggested that you make copies of some of the documents.

The weather has been a bit uncongenial for me and the winter is just beginning. I've been looking for what you people out there do not need, a small heater that plugs into where the cigarette lighter goes so that after the motor is started it can be plugged in to warm the front seat, ~~and~~ especially the floor area. I've so little circulation in the feet they get quite cold. I could find only a defroster so when we can take the time to shop, not ~~this~~ this coming week-too many medical and dental appointments- I'll get a small electric one and while the car warms up, which I let it do this time of the year, until the defroster gives some warmth, I'll plg the electic one in in the carport.

Little nagging problems unknown until we get old.

You may hear from some people out there for copies of the printout I gave you. I think I mentioned Hal Verb, Dr. Doug DeSalles or both. They have been doing very good work on the shots. I've encouraged them to get together and jointly do a book. I do not know that they will but I think they should. Doug has made and photographed tests that invalidate what you may not know about, the tricky and less than honest work of the late Nobel Laureate, Luis Alvarez. Which he began by cribbing from Whitewash. There is also a fine person who is an opthalmalogist in San Francisco, Dr. Gary Aguilar, who may want a copy for work he and another doctor are doing. If he asks for it and you can do the xeroxing, please tell me the cost. Or, one of them can xerox for the others if you give one of them a copy. They know each other.

What may amuse you, before I get back to work, is that last summer a retired FBI special agent who is a fan of my work happened to be here when Gary was tooling along to an operation and phoned me from his car. When I told him where he'd find what I had written he ~~car~~ actually drove, used the phone and found what I referred him to in that book, which he had in the car. Blew that retired agent's mind! Remember, we have a speakerphone because of my hearing.

I imagine you have much to do after your absence and with the new operation to get going. We hope it works out well and rapidly.

Thanks for everything and best to you all,

Harold